

Captain Craig Q. Reese USMC

Craig Reese, a native of Thermopolis, Wyo. and graduated from the University of Wyoming in 2000. He earned his commission through the Officer Candidates School (OCS) in March 2002. After OCS, he completed the Basic Officer Course and Infantry Officer Course graduating in December 2002.

In January 2003, Second Lieutenant Reese reported to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC. During this time, he deployed aboard the USS Kearsarge and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) in An Nasiriyah, Iraq, as part of Task Force Tarawa; Operation Shining Express in Liberia; and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) as part of Task Force Kabul, a U.S. Embassy reinforcement mission as a rifle platoon commander. In March of 2004, he was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant. In July 2004, he again deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, and Al Qaim, Iraq, as a weapons platoon commander. He returned to Camp Lejeune, NC in October, 2005.

In October, First Lieutenant Reese transferred to 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion at Camp Lejeune, NC. As a reconnaissance platoon commander, First Lieutenant Reese deployed to Fallujah, Iraq, in March, 2006. In September 2006, he was promoted to Captain. He returned to Camp Lejeune, NC in October, 2006, and took command of Charlie Company, 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion. In October, 2007, he deployed his company to Iraq, as part of the Multi-National Division North. Charlie Company returned to Camp Lejeune in May, 2008, returning in March of 2009. Captain Reese then took command of Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion.

Following his reconnaissance tour, Captain Reese reported to the U.S. Army Maneuver Captains Career Course, Fort Benning, Georgia, graduating on the Commandants List in July 2009. He then received orders to 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, Twentynine Palms, CA, as the Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Company where he deployed to Delaram, Afghanistan with the additional duty of Task Force 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines Afghan National Security Forces liaison officer. In June 2010, Captain Reese was reassigned as Commanding Officer, Kilo Company where he deployed to the Upper Gereshk Valley, Afghanistan, in the summer of 2011 in support of OEF. Captain Reese returned to Twentynine Palms in October, 2011. Upon return from deployment, Captain Reese received orders to the U. S. Army's Maneuver Center of Excellence, Fort Benning, GA where he is representing the Marine Corps as a Maneuver Captains Career Course Small Group Instructor.

Captain Reese's personal awards include the Bronze Star Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device, Purple Heart, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device (second award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon (second award), and the 2007 2nd Marine Division Navy and Marine Association Leadership Award. Other service awards include the Navy Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon (second award), Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon (fourth award), Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (fourth award), Iraq Campaign Medal (fifth award), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (eight award), International Security Assistance Force Medal, Italian Commemorative Cross for the Operations in Afghanistan, and Rifle and Pistol Expert shooting badges. Additionally, Captain Reese is qualified as an Expeditionary Ground Reconnaissance Officer, Expert Parachutist, and a Combatant Diver.

Captain Reese is selected for promotion to the rank of Major.

Captain Reese has been married to Dawn (Scoppa) of Scarsdale, NY for 10 years and they have two children Jylian (9) and Weston (6).